

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 25 2015 to 0600 February 26 2015



Stephens Fire, Siskiyou County, 02/24/15.

Photo: USFS

Note: Report changes/updates are in blue



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - National

- (AFP) - **New Yorkers charged over IS extremist plot:** Two New York Muslims were hauled before a federal court Wednesday charged with plotting to join Islamic State extremists in Syria and threatening to carry out attacks in the United States. FBI agents arrested Akhror Saidakhmetov, 19, at John F. Kennedy airport allegedly attempting to board a flight to Istanbul and Abdurasul Hasanovich Juraboev, 24 -- who had offered to kill President Barack Obama -- was detained at home in Brooklyn. A third New York resident, Abror Habibov, 30, was arrested in Jacksonville, Florida accused of funding Saidakhmetov's jihadist quest. The arrests come with Western governments increasingly concerned about a rising number of foreign fighters travelling to Syria through Turkey to join extremist groups. Saidakhmetov is Kazakh while the other two come from Uzbekistan. It was not clear how long they had been in the United States.
- (AP) - **Deadline near, deal sets up Homeland Security vote in Senate:** Three days before a partial Homeland Security shutdown, lawmakers cleared the way Wednesday for Senate passage of legislation to fund the agency without immigration-related provisions opposed by President Barack Obama. Approval in the Senate would send the issue to the House, where some conservatives derided the plan as a surrender to the White House. Other Republicans predicted it would clear, but Speaker John Boehner declined to say if he would put it to a vote. "I'm waiting for the Senate to act. The House has done their job," he said at a news conference where he repeatedly sidestepped questions about his plans.

Significant Events - International

- (BBC) - **Ukraine conflict: Halt to deaths stirs truce hopes:** The Ukrainian army has said it suffered no casualties in 24 hours for the first time in weeks, raising hopes that a fragile ceasefire is starting to hold. Pro-Russian rebels say they have pulled back heavy weapons from the front line in the east to comply with the truce. But government forces dispute that and international observers want proof. Although the ceasefire came into effect on 15 February, the rebels captured the strategically important town of Debaltseve days later. The lull at the frontline came amid worsening economic chaos for Ukraine this week, with its currency plummeting 13%.
- (BBC) - **Paris police arrest Al-Jazeera journalists over drone:** Three Al-Jazeera journalists have been arrested for the alleged illegal flying of a drone in Paris after being spotted by police in the Bois de Boulogne area. A spokesman for prosecutors said there was "no relationship for the moment" between the arrests and mysterious drone flights over the city at night. Al-Jazeera said the journalists had been "filming a report on the city's recent mystery drones". Drones were spotted over city landmarks for a second night running on Tuesday. Flying drones over Paris without a licence is banned by law. The offence carries a maximum one-year prison sentence and a €75,000 (£55,000; \$85,000) fine.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Stephens Fire, Siskiyou County

Per Cal OES Fire Duty Officer and ICS 209 dated 02/25/15 at 1630 hours:

3 miles SE of Stevens Pass – 20 miles SE of McCloud

- FRA / SRA
- Type 3 IC
- 250 acres, 30%
- Burning in timberland
- No threats

Weather of Concern

- A cold low pressure system moving into California late Friday through Monday could bring snow to elevations as low as 3500 feet which could affect travel through the mountains and passes of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A storm system will bring rain showers and some mountain snow to northwest California Thursday into Saturday.

Medford Weather:

A trough drops in along the B.C. Coast Thursday night and then digs in westward as it moves over the area Friday. This should bring widespread precipitation to the area Friday and Friday night. This system will bring some cold air and drop snow levels to the higher passes on Friday. Expect precipitation with thunderstorms possible area-wide, and occasionally heavy snow in the Cascades and Siskiyou's on Friday. The weekend will likely be dry as a weak ridge builds in.

Reno Weather:

Light rain and snow is possible north of a Susanville-Lovelock line this afternoon and evening ahead of a cold system which will drop into the Sierra and northwest Nevada Friday into Saturday. This will bring showers with accumulating snows possible in the Sierra and even in northwest Nevada if conditions come together. Another cold system is possible early next week for additional chances of precipitation.

San Francisco Weather:

Dry and mild weather conditions will continue today as high pressure remains off of the west coast. A storm system will then bring showers and cooler temperatures to the area Friday through the weekend. Another weak system will bring additional shower chances to the area on Monday.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry, warm, and breezy weather today, then a pattern change on Friday leading to cooler and wetter weather into the weekend. The potential exists for snow impacting some travel in the mountains above 3500 feet, and more so above 6000 feet.

Hanford Weather:

A ridge of high pressure over the eastern Pacific will keep skies mostly clear through tonight. A storm system originating in western Canada will track southward into central California and bring wet weather to much of the region Friday afternoon through the weekend.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

One last day of above normal temperatures today, before a low pressure system brings the chance of rain showers, a slight chance of thunderstorms and mountain snow by Saturday into Sunday. Showery and cool weather will persist into early next week.

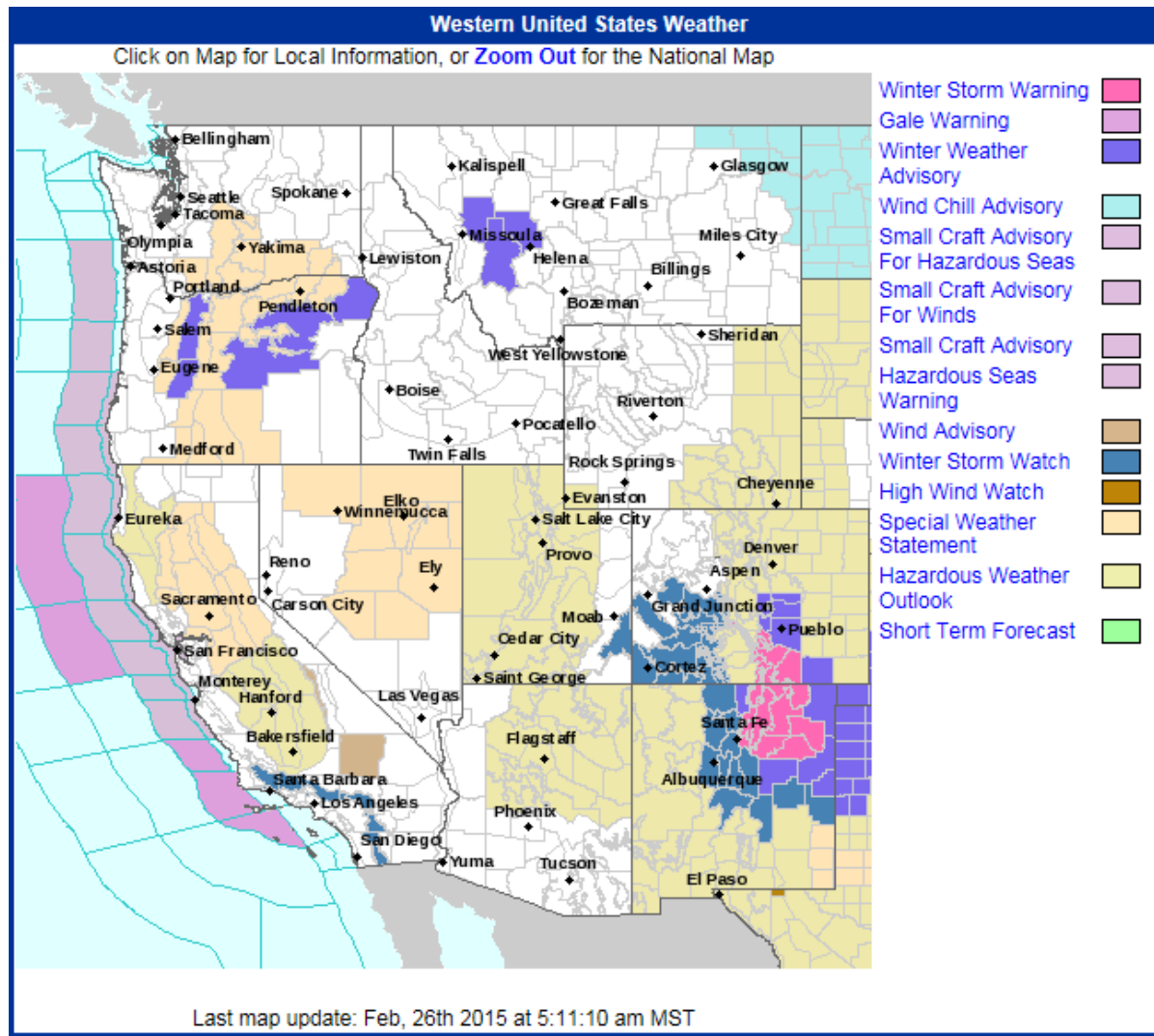
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Onshore flow will increase this afternoon through Saturday night as a cold storm drops south along the California coast, bringing clouds, strong winds to the mountains and deserts, and periods of precipitation. Heavy snow may fall in the mountains this weekend. Showers may become heavy at times with a thunderstorm or two possible on Sunday as colder air destabilizes the atmosphere. Scattered showers may linger through Monday before another cold system arrives from the north with more showers Monday night through Tuesday or even Wednesday.

Southeast California Weather:

A weak system will brush the area today with clouds. A stronger storm system will start to drop south into California and Nevada on Friday and linger across the area through Monday. This will result in gusty winds, possible showers and cooler temperatures. A new storm system may impact the area from Tuesday into Wednesday with another round of gusty winds and an additional chance for showers.

STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.

Mission Tasking

- **2015-SREOC-8732** – Two small communities in southern Mono County, Paradise and Swall Meadows, experienced a serious wildfire beginning Friday February 6th. Approximately 40 residences were destroyed in the Round Fire. Residents have been allowed back into the area and need technical assistance in safely disposing of potentially toxic materials on their properties. DTSC has accepted this mission. **Mission Ongoing**

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Cal OES Missions – Ongoing

- **2015-LAW-8792, 02/24/2015, 2200 hrs.**, San Diego County Sheriff's Department (SDSD) is requesting resources to assist in locating and overdue hiker who has not been heard from since 2/12/2014. M/P is described as a 28 year old male who was reported missing to SDSD on 2/24/2014. SDSD is requesting 30 ground searchers and a airborne repeater to assist with communications. California Civil Air Patrol is responding with ground searchers and the requested communications equipment and aircraft. ***Mission On-going.***



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.